

July 31, 1945

Mr. W. A. Leuschner
Baseball Enterprises
World Building
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Leuschner:

First, I want to apologize for my delinquency in responding to your letters of July 11 and July 24.

It so happens that I have only a few dates for the booking of colored teams here. At one time this season, there seemed a possibility of using the Black Yankees against the Philadelphia Stars for our last game scheduled for September 9. You were to be substituted for the Newark Eagles who had priority on that date, but because of some loose conduct on the part of some of the players during the game in Newark several weeks back, I changed my mind and refuse to consider such a substitution.

Doubtless, you have been advised that I have the exclusive booking and promoting of all of the colored games at Briggs Stadium. Already, I am giving attention to next season, because there is nothing open now for this season. I will be willing to consider you for the opening attraction next year. Possibly I will play you against the Newark Eagles, provided they make a good showing here September 9. If you are interested, and want to make such a booking, please let me know at once and I will offer you terms.

No doubt, you have learned that I had 25,625 paid admissions at my last double header between Kansas City and Memphis July 22. You may call or write. My phone numbers are Cadillac 6408 or Trinity 1-4949.

Very truly yours,

John R. Williams

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